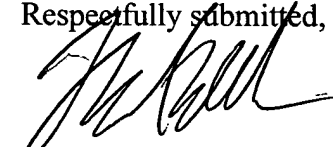


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are now pending in the application. Claims 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15, are being amended to eliminate multiply dependent claims.

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